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Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

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Paul Power has been appointed the Refugee Council of Australia's (RCOA) new Chief Executive Officer, RCOA President John Gibson announced today.

With extensive experience in senior leadership and communication roles in non-profit organisations, Paul's appointment to this high profile role will spearhead a new direction for RCOA.

"Paul brings a wealth of experience which can only enhance RCOA's role as a national organisation", John Gibson said. "He will contribute significantly to building strong relationships with all refugee sector agencies and stakeholders as well as maintaining a constructive and open dialogue with government on refugee issues. The fresh approach that Paul will bring to the position is just what the Council needs at this time. The Board of RCOA look forward to working with him in this period of significant change for the sector."

As a strong advocate for social justice and community issues, Paul has most recently worked for the St Vincent de Paul Society as Manager of the Vincentian Social Action Centre at Campbelltown, NSW. In this role, he has developed innovative new programs in community development, advocacy and mental health. In addition, Paul has worked in the overseas aid and development sector and as an editor and journalist in the newspaper industry.

Paul's appointment will be publicly announced at an event in mid May (details yet to be confirmed).

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